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Charter Change Committee

Minutes

September 23, 2020

Committee Members Present: Joan Shannon, Chair, Perri Freeman, Jane Stromberg

Staff and Presenters Present: City Attorney Eileen Blackwood, Permitting & Inspections Patti Wehman, Acting Chief Jon Murad, Jay Diaz from the Vermont ACLU

Public Present: All speakers are identified below. Individual attendees varied throughout the meeting.

The meeting was convened at 5:33 pm as a Zoom webinar.

1.01 Agenda. Freeman moved to approve the agenda with a time certain for the public forum on just cause evictions at 5:30 and for police discipline at 7 pm. Stromberg seconded. Unanimous.

2.01 Minutes of 9/16/20. The committee decided to postpone consideration of the minutes of the last meeting until the next meeting

3.01 Just Cause Evictions.

Public Forum. The following individuals spoke:

Joanne Lafayette

Grace Pfeil

Jane Suder

Brian Armstrong

Erhard Mahnke

Mark Hughes

Lani Ravin



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Linda Pardo

Maggi Shadrou

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Jeremy Owens

Ricky Martin

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Joyce George

Evan Stainman

Steve Lipkin

Blair Knowles

Will McKenna

Patrick Johnson

Mike Carnesale

Matt Parisi

Albert Mercury

John Goglia

Erika Johnson

Note: Additional written comments were received by email and posted to BoardDocs.

The public comments ended at 7:05 pm, and the committee decided to save its discussion for the next meeting and go right into the next public forum topic.

4.01 Evaluation of Police Discipline Review Options

Public Forum. The following individuals spoke:

Jessica LaPorte

Ashley LaPorte





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Abby Hodson

Jorge Rios

Grace Pfeil

Emily Tardi

Mark Hughes

Maya Fein-Cole

Danielle Shaw

Whitney Bentley

Lydia Kern

Hannah Richard

Alex Kovacs

Alex Bonfiglio

Estefania Puerta

Emma Redden

The public forum concluded at 8 pm.

Presentation by Chief Jon Murad: Chief Murad presented the outline of the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE), which summarizes civil oversight boards as usually falling into one of three categories: 1) investigations, 2) review, 3) monitoring.

Burlington's Police Commission is primarily review, but its members do regularly bring matters to the department and does need to be independent.

Presentation by Jay Diaz of the Vermont ACLU: Burlington has a chance to be a model to assure that the police are accountable. He described the ACLU's 10-point plan to reimagine policing. The oversight issue is one small part of a large plan.

The committee asked the City Attorney to provide them with the current charter language on Police Commission oversight and the Police Commission's recent policy on civilian complaints as separate documents for the next meeting.





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4.01 The next session of this meeting was scheduled for 9/30 at 5:30 pm, and at 8:30 pm, the meeting was recessed until then.